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Subject concurrence GOV, Defense Dept proposes issue following press release after public announcement by GOV participation quarantine Venezuelan military forces:

QUOTE As announced by the Government of Venezuela, the Venezuelan destroyers ZULIA and NUEVA ESPAÑA are joining the combined forces conducting quarantine operations in the Caribbean area initiated pursuant to the October 23 Resolution of the OAS Organ of Consultation. These ships will conduct such quarantine operations in coordination with naval units of other Latin American countries and the United States under the

operational control of Rear Admiral John A. Tyree, Jr., Commander, of the Combined Quarantine Force ^{U.S. M.} ~~South American Force~~ ~~COMQUARFOR~~. A Venezuelan Naval officer also will occupy a position on the staff of ~~COMQUARFOR~~ the Combined Force. UNQUOTE

The ~~Combined Force~~ Force is now comprised of naval units from Venezuela and the United States. Argentina, Dominican Republic, ~~the United States and Venezuela~~

FII - Cooperation of Venezuelan Air Force not mentioned because units are still under Venezuelan command. If Venezuelan aircraft

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eventually assigned to CONSOLIDATE, their participation in joint operation can be given separate press treatment. ~~INFO-POL~~

For Port-of-Spain: Bob should request GOM to give no publicity arrival publicly Venezuelan Naval units until ~~publicity~~ announced by GOM.

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